

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2001, claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Claims 17-28 stand rejected and claims 1-16 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 1-16 are directed to Group I, drawn to a business method, while elected claims 17-28 are drawn to an apparatus of a satellite ready building. Applicant affirms the election of Group II directed to claims 17-28. Applicant respectfully submits that both groups are substantially similar and that examining both groups provides no further burden to the examining group. Claim 1 is directed to the method of forming a satellite ready building that results in a substantially similar satellite building to that claimed in claim 17. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the restriction requirement and examine claims 1-16 directed to Group I with the elected claims of Group II (claims 17-28).

The drawings stand objected to because an element labeled as "80" is not described in the detailed description. Element label 80 is directed to the space provided on the universal connector for placing an IP address. The first paragraph of page 9 has been amended to indicate that IP address has the reference numeral 80.

Claims 17-22 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Oliver* (U.S. Patent 6, 166,329) in view of *Macdonald* (U.S. Patent 5,835,128). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 17-28 have one independent claim 17 that is directed to a satellite ready building that has a plurality of studs, satellite wires positioned adjacent to the studs with a first termination and a second termination so that the first termination is positioned outside the building. A connector is coupled to the second termination. A drywall layer is coupled to the studs to substantially enclose the satellite wires therein.

The Examiner points to the *Oliver* reference for disclosing “an electrical device assembly comprising a plurality of studs 40, satellite wires enclosed within 18, a terminating connector 10, a drywall layer 42.” The Examiner recognizes that *Oliver* does not disclose expressly a universal connector.

The *Oliver* reference describes an electrical box assembly for installation in a building or house that has a protector 32 with a raised area 34 used to protect the inside of the box. Applicant admits that the *Oliver* reference teaches wires 16. However, wires 16 are not described in further detail. More specifically, the wires 16 are never described as a satellite wire. The applicant also points to “terminating connector 10.” Applicant respectfully submits that reference numeral 10 is directed to a pre-wire to device assembly that in col. 3, line 55 of the *Oliver* reference describes a “electrical device, such as an electrical switch or receptacle (outlet).” Thus, from this description the only conclusion to be drawn from such a description is that the device assembly 10 is used for standard wiring for homes such as for switches and/or receptacles. Therefore, one cannot derive from this teaching the suggestion of satellite wires or a connector coupled to the second termination of the satellite wire. There is no teaching or “suggestion of” a first connection positioned outside the building for the satellite wires.

The Examiner cites the *Macdonald* reference for “redistributing a television signal to a multiplicity of receiver units.” Applicant respectfully submits that the *Macdonald* does not teach the deficiencies of the *Oliver* reference. Applicant also respectfully submits that the *Macdonald* reference is not properly combinable with the *Oliver* reference. The *Macdonald* reference is directed to a wireless distribution system as noted in col. 1, line 10. The *Macdonald* system receives satellite signals at a local site and converts the signals to a lower frequency than that of the satellite signals. The lower frequency signals are then RF transmitted through the multi-unit

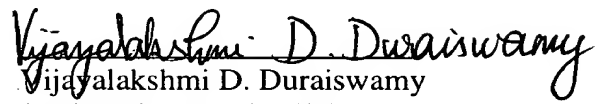
dwelling. The purpose of the *Macdonald* reference teaches away from the purpose of the present invention. The *Macdonald* reference specifically teaches away from a wired type of system. However, the applicants advantageously realize that by pre-wiring satellite wires within the walls of the building, many of these problems have been alleviated.

The *Macdonald* reference teaches that an antenna is used to receive the retransmitted signals. Therefore, no connectors or wires are used within the building of *Macdonald*. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that neither the *Macdonald* reference nor the *Oliver* reference teaches "satellite wires positioned adjacent to said studs having a first termination and a second termination, said first termination positioned outside the building." Also, neither reference teaches a "connector coupled to said second termination of said satellite wire." Although *Oliver* teaches a switch or an outlet, the switch or outlet is believed not to be the same as the "connector" described in the present application. Therefore, neither of the references teaches or suggests all the elements in the prior art together or in combination. No motivation is provided in either reference for combining the references. The *Macdonald* reference actually teaches away from using satellite wires to connect to the satellite antenna. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the present rejection of claim 17. Similarly, claims 18-28 are also believed to be allowable for the same reasons set forth above. These claims provide further limitations of claim 17.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that the objections and rejections are now overcome. Applicant has added no new material to the application by these amendments. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments which would place

the application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Please replace page 9, paragraph 1 with the following:

Referring now to Figure 7, one suitable connector 32 is illustrated. As described herein, the connector is referred to as a universal connector because it comprises a number of jacks including a phone jack 72, a LAN jack 74, a cable jack 76, and a satellite jack 78. Preferably, at least one jack is located in each room of the house. Also, at least a satellite connection is provided. Such a system is particularly suitable for DirecTV® or DirecPC™ because both require a twisted pair of phone jacks 72 and a coaxial cable for its uplink and downlink signals respectively. Because homes of the future are likely to have a local area network therein, an IP address 80 may be associated with each jack.